

REMARKS

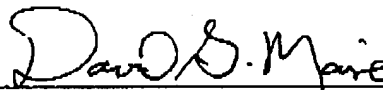
Claims 1-8 and 12-20 stand finally rejected in this application in accordance with the Office Communication mailed on 08/26/2003. Claims 5, 6, 8 and 12-16 have been cancelled in the Amendment After Final Rejection filed on 24 October 2003, leaving claims 1-4, 7, and 17-20 pending prior to the entry of this amendment. The arguments for the allowance of those claims presented in the Amendment After Final Rejection filed on 24 October 2003 are reiterated by reference herein.

New claims 21-27 are presented herein.

Entry of the previously unentered amendment under 37 CFR 1.116, entry of this amendment, reconsideration of the application, and allowance of claims 1-4, 7 and 17-27 are respectfully requested.

The undersigned attorney would be happy to discuss this application with the Examiner should the Examiner feel that such a discussion would be helpful to advance the allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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